

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action states that EP0764899A1 to Ahlers et al., a reference submitted as part of the information disclosure statement (IDS) in this application was not considered because a concise explanation of relevance in English was not provided. However, U.S. Patent No. 6,085,203, also submitted in the same IDS, is a corresponding U.S. patent to that reference, and therefore, provides the English explanation.

Claim rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 15-18, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Devanbu (U.S. Pat. No. 5,826,256). On March 23, 2004, a telephone interview was conducted between Examiner Cesar B. Paula of the USPTO and Eunhee Park, Applicants' Representative. Applicants appreciate Examiner's courtesy for extending that interview.

During the interview, an agreement was reached with respect to independent claims 1, 8, and 15. The listing of claims in this reply include amended independent claims 1, 8, and 15 as agreed.

Claim Rejection – §U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Devanbu, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,202,072 (Kuwahara). Claims 7 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Devanbu, in view of U.S. Patent No. U.S. Pat. No. 5,784,635 (Mcallum). Since these claims are dependent on the amended independent claims, Applicants submit that these dependent claims are not obvious over the cited

references for at least the same reason provided for independent claims 1, 8, and 15, and because neither Kuwaha nor Mcallum discloses, suggests, or teaches, that which Devanbu fails to disclose.

This communication is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and every effort has been made to place the application in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing explanation, a favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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